



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:  
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For: REMOTE CONTROL FOR A  
PLUG-DROPPING HEAD

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sirs:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 18, 1997, please make the following amendments:

In the Claims:

1.(amended) A control apparatus for a single or multiple plug-dropping tool, comprising:

at least one signal transmitter for sending at least one signal over the air;

at least one signal receiver on a body for receiving said signal from said transmitter and to provide an output;

at least one control system comprising a primary control element;

at least one signal processor to use said output from said receiver to selectively remotely operate said primary control element to allow release of a plug from the apparatus by said system;

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